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1st AD Dedicates Dining Facility to Bob Hope

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BAGHDAD, Iraq—Task Force 1st Armored Division's dining facility was dedicated to Bob Hope in a ceremony Aug. 24 at Baghdad International Airport.

"Today we honor one of our own, a truly great friend of America's soldiers, Bob Hope," said Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 1st AD commanding general.

Hope, one of television's most renowned comedians and actors, worked in Vaudeville, radio, film, television, and most prominently as a United Services Organization (USO) entertainer. He spent much of World War II traveling the world to entertain allied troops, a service he performed with gusto during wars in Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. His "entertain-the-troops" tours became his enduring signature.

"For several generations of soldiers, Bob Hope brought us a piece of home, an infectious smile, great entertainment, and a brief break from the rigors of combat," said Dempsey. "Wherever there were U.S. soldiers in harm's way, Bob Hope was there with them. In the Pacific Islands, the hills of Korea, the jungles of Vietnam, and the sands of Desert Storm, Bob Hope was there."

Hope died July 27 shortly after his 100th birthday.

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"This will be a place for soldiers to relax, joke with friends, tell stories and watch a little football," said Dempsey. "It will host the USO shows that Bob made famous, and it will help keep those smiles on the faces of the next generation of American soldiers, doing their duty far from home."

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A Smart Tip From 1AD Safety

FIRE RESPONSE PROCEDURES INVOLVING DU AMMO:

Appoint Fire-Control Officer at BN Level (CPT or Higher)

In case of fire, the crew will—

- (1) Evacuate the vehicle, attempt to shut down the engine, and close all hatches (if possible).
- (2) Turn on fire-suppression systems.
- (3) Evacuate injured personnel and provide first aid.
- (4) Notify the chain of command.
- (5) Establish a safety perimeter:
Keep people as far away from the fire as possible. If hatches are closed, personnel will establish a safety perimeter of 60 meters. If the hatches are open or rounds are expelled, a safety perimeter of 300 meters.
- (6) Do not allow personnel into smoke without Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, or in an emergency, a field protective mask.

NEWS

Bomb Targets Key Iraqi Shiite Cleric
BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - A bomb exploded outside the house of one of Iraq's most important Shiite clerics on Sunday, killing three guards and injuring 10 others. The fresh violence comes as the U.S.-led coalition quietly recruits former Iraqi spies to work with American intelligence officials in the country, according to Iraqis. Also Sunday, the top U.S. official in Iraq said the United States needs better intelligence and more cooperation from the Iraqi people to stabilize the situation. Terrorists bombed U.N. headquarters this past week in Baghdad.

Autopsy Set for Priest Killed in Prison

BOSTON (AP) - An autopsy will be conducted Monday on former priest John Geoghan, the convicted child molester who died after apparently being strangled in prison. Geoghan, who was at the center of the sex abuse scandal that rocked the Catholic church, died Saturday after being attacked by a fellow inmate at the state prison in Shirley, Worcester District Attorney John J. Conte said. He was 68.

Bobby Brown Nabbed While Dining With Wife

ALPHARETTA, Ga. (AP) - Singer Bobby Brown was arrested on a probation violation while dining with his wife, Grammy winner Whitney Houston, police say. Brown was picked up Friday night at a restaurant in the Atlanta suburb of Alpharetta after an unidentified caller tipped authorities, said police Sgt. Chris Lagerbloom, a department spokesman.

U.S. Marines Return to Ships Off Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - A 150-strong U.S. Marine force headed back to warships off Liberia on Sunday, ending significant American military deployment on the ground after 11 days. The Marines left with fighting in Monrovia subsided after a peace agreement between rebels and the government, although clashes continue in the countryside.

Chaplain's thought for the day:

Empowering an Enthusiastic Team

Help each other be right -- not wrong. Look for ways to make new ideas work - not reasons they won't.

If in doubt, check it out! Don't make negative assumptions. Help each other win and take pride in everyone's victories! Speak positively about each other and about your organization at every opportunity.

Maintain a positive mental attitude, no matter what the circumstances. Act with initiative and courage as if it all depends on you. Do everything with enthusiasm - it's contagious! Whatever you want, give it away. Don't lose faith - never give up!

SPORTS

Chaos As Drummond DQ'd From 100 Meters
SAINT-DENIS, France (AP) - Jon Drummond was disqualified from his 100-meter heat at the World Track Championships on Sunday when he was the second runner in the group to commit a false start. The heats were then thrown into chaos when the American sprinter refused to leave the track following his disqualification.

Oddly Enough:

Woman Caught After Faking Her Own Death

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) -- A woman's scheme to avoid prison by faking her own death in a truck accident came undone when a childhood friend, now a sheriff's deputy, spotted her by chance far from home. Misty Quackenbush, 27, of Cortez, was supposed to have been sentenced July 11 to four years in prison on her guilty plea to distribution of methamphetamines. Instead, she allegedly placed personal identification in an abandoned pickup near a reservoir, doused the truck with blood of unknown origin and fled, officials said. About four weeks later, former Montezuma County Deputy Brandon Brown, now a Texas lawman, spotted Quackenbush in Shamrock, Texas, some 600 miles from Cortez. Brown had read about her supposed death. "I'm still kind of shocked. Her comment to me was 'I must have been meant to get caught, because, what are the odds?'" Brown said. Quackenbush was sentenced Friday in Durango to five years in prison - the original four plus one for jumping bail.

On This Day In History: **August 25th, 1945**

On this day in 1945, John Birch, an American missionary to China before the war and a captain in the Army during the war, is killed by Chinese communists days after the surrender of Japan, for no apparent reason. After America had entered the war, Birch, a Baptist missionary already in China, was made a liaison between American and Chinese forces fighting the Japanese. But on August 25, Birch, commanding an American Special Services team, was ordered to halt by Chinese communist troops. A scuffle ensued, and Birch was shot dead. In the 1950s, Robert Welch would create a right-wing, anticommunist organization called the John Birch Society. For Welch, Birch was "the first casualty in the Third World War between Communists and the ever-shrinking Free World."

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